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**The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units
April 25, 2012**

Senate Bill Number: SB54-11/12

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Whereas, an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a rental unit with a separate kitchen, sleeping and bathroom facilities, attached or detached from the primary residential unit, on a single-family home;

Whereas, legalizing ADU's will be a helpful tool in providing additional affordable housing units, opportunities for young families to purchase homes, help elderly individuals to stay in their homes, a path to making current illegal units safe, and new opportunities for our building industry;

Whereas, the vacancy rate in Missoula is approximately 3%, compared to a national average of almost 10%;

Whereas, more than 10,000 students live off-campus in non-University owned rental units;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports Councilman Taft in his pursuit of legalizing Accessory Dwelling Units in Missoula;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages Councilman Taft to secure provisions for compliance with safety regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2012

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2012

Travis Suzuki,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeffrey Edmunds,
Chair of the Senate